

What is claimed is:

- 1 1. A shell casing for enclosing a case of a tape measure comprising:
2 a first concave shell with malleable interior sections;
3 a second concave shell with malleable interior sections; and
4 adjustable connection means for connecting said first concave shell to said
5 second concave shell thereby enclosing the case of the tape measure.

- 1 2. The shell casing for enclosing the case of the tape measure of Claim 1 further
2 comprising:
3 a blade connected to at least one of said concave shells.

- 1 3. The shell casing for enclosing the case of the tape measure of Claim 1 further
2 comprising:
3 a retractable blade molded into at least one of said concave shells wherein said
4 retractable blade is molded flush within said concave shell.

- 1 4. The shell casing for enclosing the case of the tape measure of Claim 2 further
2 comprising:
3 a lead pencil connected to at least one of said concave shells.

- 1 5. The shell casing for enclosing the case of the tape measure of Claim 2 further
2 comprising:
3 a retractable lead pencil molded into at least one of said concave shells wherein
4 said retractable lead pencil is molded flush within said concave shell.

1 6. A combination tool comprising:
2 a tape measure in a case; and
3 a retractable cutting blade located inside said case and arranged to make cuts
4 corresponding to measurement increments arranged on said tape measure.

1 7. A combination tool comprising:
2 a tape measure in a case; and
3 a retractable pencil molded inside said case in a flush manner and arranged to
4 make pencil marks corresponding to measurement increments arranged on said tape
5 measure, said tape measure including a nail hole at its exposed end.

1 8. The combination tool of Claim 6 wherein:
2 said tape measure includes a nail hole at its exposed end.

1 9. The combination tool of Claim 7 wherein:
2 said retractable pencil is adapted to use interchangeable leads or limestone.

1 10. The combination tool of Claim 7 wherein:
2 said retractable lead pencil is a mechanical lead pencil molded into said case in a
3 flush manner.

1 11. The combination tool of Claim 7 further comprising:
2 a clear indicator window located proximate to said tape measure said indicator
3 window including an index line located in line with said measurement increments.

1 12. A method of making precise measured cuts on objects comprising the steps of:
2 measuring a distance using a combination tool comprising a tape measure in a
3 case;

4 cutting the object at said measured distance by extending a retractable blade
5 located inside said case wherein said blade is arranged to make cuts corresponding to
6 measurement increments arranged on said tape measure.

1 13. The method of Claim 12 further comprising the steps of:
2 positioning a clear window above said measurement increments to view and line
3 up said measurement increments with an index line which corresponds to measurement
4 increments on said tape measure.

1 14. The method of Claim 12 further comprising the steps of:
2 making a measurement mark in pencil by extending a retractable pencil lead
3 corresponding to said measurement marks on said tape measure.

1 15. A method of making precise measured cuts on objects as in Claim 12 further
2 comprising the steps of:
3 including a nail hole in said tape measure at an exposed end;
4 inserting a nail through said nail hole into the object; and
5 rotating said case about the nail in arc to make a circular measured cut in the
6 object.